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2183, SHRI V. HANUMANIHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has be Jn drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 21st jul, 1997, captioned "Ministry clips outgohig Air Indian MD's bid to rush throug'i 40 foreign postings";

(b) if so, the names of the 40 officers and the correspoading 40 foreign postings' titles;

(c) whether any action will be iaitia-ted in this regard; and

(d) steps proposed to seek an explanation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a)

Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the list of foreigm postings at Annexure *(See Appen dix* 181, *Annexure No,* 54) .

(c) Officers against whom there i's no vigilance/disciplinary case pending or contermplated will *he* released for foreign postinies after obtaining visa and work permit, if there are no other compelling circumstances for changing the orders in any particular case.

(d) Does not arise.

Regonal airline with night half facility at Norte-East

2184. SHRI NABAM REBfA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAHON be pleased to state:

(a) ivhether *[t* is a fact that Government 'elave decided to float a regional airline with night half facility in the North-Kastern region to develop tourism;

(b) *nho* would have a major stake in the airlines—The North-East Coimcil (NEC) or Indian Airlines LixBiteeJ or Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(c) whether bigger presence of Tourism Finance Corporation Limited (TFCIL), Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDQ wbuld be considered in the North-East; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISlER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) to (c) No, Sir. Only a concept paper on "Regional Airline in North-East" has been received from the Indian Airlines, Various options/models for operation of dedicated services in North-Eait region have been suggested. The paper is under examination.

DGCA Flight Inspector for helicopters

2185. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Ministesr of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thAt there is no DGCA Flight Inspector for helicopters; and

(b) if so, what is being done about this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) and (b) There is one sanctioned post of Inspector of Flying/Flight Operation Inspector (Helicopter) in ttfeeoffice of Directorate General of Civil Aviation. The post is presently vacant due to the retirement of the last incumbeni; of the post. ActioM to fill up the post is being taken in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Mjd-air collision over Delhi

2186. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJA-RY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in The Times of India (ND) dated 25th June, 1997 under the captioned 'Mid-air collision over Delhi averted for 570 passengers ATC suspended, if so, details of the incident;